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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 195

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Commending the 10 River Basin Grand Winners of the Clean Water Farm Award and the Bay Friendly Farm Award.

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WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) is the lead agency for the Clean Water Farm Award and the Bay Friendly Farm Award program; and

WHEREAS, legislation passed by the General Assembly in 1998 allowed a new program emphasis and better enabled the DCR to promote the program across the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Clean Water Farm Award and the Bay Friendly Farm Award programs further the Commonwealth's water quality goals by recognizing farmers actively engaged in nutrient management practices and other important conservation practices which control agricultural nonpoint source pollution; and

WHEREAS, the DCR and Virginia's 47 soil and water conservation districts have assisted farmers for many years with education, technical assistance, and incentive programs for nutrient reduction and water quality improvement; and

WHEREAS, the Clean Water Farm Award or the Bay Friendly Farm Award recognized 44 farms as winners in 2005; and

WHEREAS, at the December 2005 meeting of the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, 10 River Basin Grand Winners were selected and announced by the DCR; and

WHEREAS, those 10 winners were:

James River Basin—Four D Enterprise, Inc., Jay and Patty Day, New Castle;

Big Sandy/Tennessee Rivers Basin—Daniel Johnson, Washington County;

Rappahannock River Basin—Baer Back Farms, Mack and Peggy Baer, Marshall;

Chowan River Basin—Oak Hill Farms, Keith M. Dunn, Yale;

Potomac River Basin—Cleremont Farm, Upperville;

New River Basin—Lucky Dog Farm, Jim and Sarah Minick, Rural Retreat;

Shenandoah River Basin—Tanglewood Farm, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Earman, Greenville;

York River Basin—Kenwood LLC, Monk Sanford and family, Orange;

Coastal Basin—Robert C. Darby & Sons Arbuckle Farm, Temperanceville;

Roanoke River Basin—Twin Oaks Dairy Farm, Martinsville; and

WHEREAS, these 10 farms were selected from the 44 Clean Water Farm Award and Bay Friendly Farm Award winners to represent Virginia's 10 major river basins and to recognize their exemplary efforts in following nutrient management plan objectives and implementing best management practices; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly commend and congratulate the 10 River Basin Grand Winners of the Clean Water Farm Award and the Bay Friendly Farm Award; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare copies of this resolution for presentation to each of the 10 River Basin Grand Winners as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for their commitment to conserving Virginia's natural resources and their outstanding conservation achievements.

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